

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- 1 1. A method of processing a biometric input, said method  
2 comprising:  
3 receiving the biometric input from a biometric  
4 receiving device;  
5 computing a biometric signature corresponding to the  
6 biometric input;  
7 comparing the biometric signature to one or more  
8 stored biometric signatures;  
9 determining a match based on the comparing;  
10 identifying an action based on the determination; and  
11 performing the identified action.
- 1 2. The method as described in claim 1 wherein the  
2 performing further includes:  
3 identifying a message recipient;  
4 preparing a message; and  
5 sending the message to the message recipient.
- 1 3. The method as described in claim 2 wherein the  
2 preparing further includes:  
3 identifying an encryption key corresponding to the  
4 recipient; and  
5 encrypting the message using the identified encryption  
6 key.
- 1 4. The method as described in claim 2 wherein the  
2 preparing further includes:  
3 identifying a sender's digital signature; and  
4 signing the message with the sender's digital  
5 signature.
- 1 5. The method as described in claim 2 further comprising:

identifying a visual image corresponding to a person,  
the person corresponding to the biometric  
signature; and  
including the visual image in the message.

6. The method as described in claim 1 wherein the  
biometric receiving device includes a plurality of  
biometric receiving devices, each receiving device  
corresponding to a distinct location id.

7. The method as described in claim 6 further comprising;  
identifying a message recipient;  
preparing a message;  
retrieving a biometric location corresponding to one  
of the biometric input devices from which the  
biometric input was received; and  
sending a message to the message recipient, wherein  
the message includes the biometric location.

8. An information handling system comprising:  
one or more processors;  
a memory accessible by the processors;  
one or more nonvolatile storage devices accessible by  
the processors;  
a biometric input handling tool to manage a biometric  
input stored on one of the nonvolatile storage  
devices, the biometric input handling tool  
including:  
means for receiving the biometric input from a  
biometric receiving device;  
means for computing a biometric signature  
corresponding to the biometric input;

14 means for comparing the biometric signature to  
15 one or more stored biometric signatures;  
16 means for determining a match based on the  
17 comparing;  
18 means for identifying an action based on the  
19 determination; and  
20 means for performing the identified action.

1 9. The information handling system as described in claim  
2 8 wherein the means for performing further includes:  
3 means for identifying a message recipient;  
4 means for preparing a message; and  
5 means for sending the message to the message  
6 recipient.

1 10. The information handling system as described in claim  
2 9 wherein the means for preparing further includes:  
3 means for identifying an encryption key corresponding  
4 to the recipient; and  
5 means for encrypting the message using the identified  
6 encryption key.

1 11. The information handling system as described in claim  
2 9 wherein the means for preparing further includes:  
3 means for identifying a sender's digital signature;  
4 and  
5 means for signing the message with the sender's  
6 digital signature.

1 12. The information handling system as described in claim  
2 9 further comprising:

means for identifying a visual image corresponding to  
a person, the person corresponding to the  
biometric signature; and  
means for including the visual image in the message.

13. The information handling system as described in claim  
8 wherein the biometric receiving device includes a  
plurality of biometric receiving devices, each  
receiving device corresponding to a distinct location  
id.

14. The information handling system as described in claim  
13 further comprising;  
means for identifying a message recipient;  
means for preparing a message;  
means for retrieving a biometric location  
corresponding to one of the biometric input  
devices from which the biometric input was  
received; and  
means for sending a message to the message recipient,  
wherein the message includes the biometric  
location.

15. A computer program product stored in a computer  
operable media for managing a data source, said  
computer program product comprising:  
means for receiving the biometric input from a  
biometric receiving device;  
means for computing a biometric signature  
corresponding to the biometric input;  
means for comparing the biometric signature to one or  
more stored biometric signatures;  
means for determining a match based on the comparing;

11 means for identifying an action based on the  
12 determination; and  
13 means for performing the identified action.

1 16. The computer program product as described in claim 15  
2 wherein the means for performing further includes:  
3 means for identifying a message recipient;  
4 means for preparing a message; and  
5 means for sending the message to the message  
6 recipient.

1 17. The computer program product as described in claim 16  
2 wherein the means for preparing further includes:  
3 means for identifying an encryption key corresponding  
4 to the recipient; and  
5 means for encrypting the message using the identified  
6 encryption key.

1 18. The computer program product as described in claim 16  
2 wherein the means for preparing further includes:  
3 means for identifying a sender's digital signature;  
4 and  
5 means for signing the message with the sender's  
6 digital signature.

1 19. The computer program product as described in claim 16  
2 further comprising:  
3 means for identifying a visual image corresponding to  
4 a person, the person corresponding to the  
5 biometric signature; and  
6 means for including the visual image in the message.

1 20. The computer program product as described in claim 15  
2 wherein the biometric receiving device includes a

3 plurality of biometric receiving devices, each  
4 receiving device corresponding to a distinct location  
5 id.

1 21. The computer program product as described in claim 20  
2 further comprising;  
3 means for identifying a message recipient;  
4 means for preparing a message;  
5 means for retrieving a biometric location  
6 corresponding to one of the biometric input  
7 devices from which the biometric input was  
8 received; and  
9 means for sending a message to the message recipient,  
10 wherein the message includes the biometric  
11 location.